

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (currently amended) A network device, comprising:
  - a first port to allow the device to communicate with other devices on an expansion bus;
  - a second port to allow the device to communicate with devices on a second bus;
  - a memory to store data; and
  - a processor to:  
receive a set of data from an expansion device on the expansion bus in a data path;  
receive an interrupt signal from an expansion device on the expansion bus in a command path and preventing the interrupt signal from reaching a system processor;  
generate an indicator of completion; and  
insert the indicator into a transaction queue in a data path after the set of data.
2. (original) The network device of claim 1, the network device further comprising a peripheral component interconnect bridge.
3. (original) The network device of claim 1, the second bus being a system bus.
4. (original) The network device of claim 1, the second bus being an expansion bus.
5. (original) The network device of claim 1, the processor to generate an indicator of completion further comprising the processor to generate a transaction addressed to a predetermined area of a system memory.
6. (original) The network device of claim 1, the processor to generate an indicator further comprising the processor to issue a read request to the expansion device.
7. (original) The network device of claim 6, the processor to insert the indicator further comprising the processor to transmit data from the read request to a predetermined address in a system memory.

8. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a set of data from an expansion device on an expansion bus in a data path;  
receiving an interrupt signal from an expansion device on an expansion bus in a  
command path indicating a data transfer is complete and preventing the interrupt signal from  
reaching a system processor;  
inserting a the set of data from the data transfer into a transaction queue of the data  
path;

generating an indicator of completion; and

inserting the indicator into the transaction queue of the data path after the set of data.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, generating an indicator of completion further comprising generating a transaction addressed to a predetermined area of a system memory.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, inserting the indicator further comprising inserting the transaction into the transaction queue.

11. (original) The method of claim 8, generating an indicator of completion further comprising generating a read request to the expansion device.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, inserting the indicator into the transaction queue further comprising inserting data from the read request into the transaction queue, addressed to a predetermined area of a system memory.

13. (original) The method of claim 8, the method further comprising:

receiving data from network device;

receiving the indicator at a predetermined area of memory;

generating an interrupt to a system processor in response to the indicator; and

processing the data from the network device.

14. (currently amended) A network device, comprising:

a means for allowing the device to communicate with other devices on an expansion bus;

a means for allowing the device to communicate with devices on a second bus;

a means for storing data; and

a means for:

receiving a set of data from an expansion device on the expansion bus in a data path;

receiving intercepting an interrupt signal from an expansion device on the expansion bus in a command path and preventing the interrupt signal from progressing to a system processor;

generating an indicator of completion; and

inserting the indicator into a transaction queue in the data path after the set of data.

15. (original) The network device of claim 1, the network device further comprising a peripheral component interconnect bridge.

16. (original) The network device of claim 1, the means for allowing the device to communicate with device on a second bus further comprising a means to allow the device to communicate on a system bus.

17. (original) The network device of claim 1, the means for allowing the device to communicate with device on a second bus further comprising a means to allow the device to communicate on a second expansion bus.

18. (currently amended) An article of machine-readable media containing instructions that, when executed, cause the machine to:

receive an interrupt signal from an expansion device on an expansion bus in a command path indicating a data transfer is complete and preventing the interrupt signal from reaching a system processor;

insert a set of data from the data transfer received on a data path into a transaction queue in the data path;

generate an indicator of completion; and

insert the indicator into the transaction queue in the data path after the set of data.

19. (original) The article of claim 18, the instructions causing the machine to generate an indicator of completion further cause the machine to generate a transaction addressed to a predetermined area of a system memory.

20. (original) The article of claim 19, the instructions causing the machine to insert the indicator further causing the machine to insert the transaction into the transaction queue.

21. (original) The article of claim 18, the instructions causing the machine to generate an indicator of completion further causing the machine to generate a read request to the expansion device.

22. (original) The article of claim 21, the instructions causing the machine to insert the indicator into the transaction queue further causing the machine to insert data from the read request into the transaction queue, addressed to a predetermined area of a system memory.